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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | Docket Number (Optional) |
| FY 2005 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) | | 00497-08 |
| Application Number 10/809,654 | | Filed March 25, 2004 |
| For Sperm Specific Proteins | | |
| Art Unit 1653 | Examiner Sheridan Snedden | |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

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